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Croatia Announces 1st Preliminary BSE Finding 2006

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Report Highlights:

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The cow originated from a farm in eastern Croatia, and the disease was detected during regular mandatory testing of cows older than 30 months old. The cow was a Simmental, and according to initial information, was not feed meat meal or bone meal, which is forbidden in Croatia.